export of wheat, as far as possible keeping in view the contractual obligations, during the current financial year.

Enhanced Rate of Exim Scrips

1813. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to allow enhanced rate of Exim Scrips to Hotels/Restaurants and Travel Agents;

(b) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that the Hotels and Travel Agencies are claiming extra Exim Scrips on the Tourist earnings of other Organisation Like Airlines; and

(c) if so, what action are taken by Government that Exim-Scrips are permitted only on their own earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A proposal to give Exim Scrips to Tourism Industry including Hotels was made but before a final view could be taken in the matter partial convertibility of the Rupee was announced and Exim Scrips have been abolished by the Government w.e.f. 29.2.92.

(b) and (c) Exim Scrips were not admissible to Hotels and Tourism Industry against their foreign exchange earnings and therefore question of claiming Exim Scrips against earnings by other Organisation like Airlines etc. does not arise.

Export and Import of Homoeopathic Medicines

1814. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Homoeopathic medicines including combination, patents, specialities, biochemic tablets are permitted for import under the provisions of Open General Licence;

(b) whether the country is exporting the above medicines; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for allowing import of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Import and export of Homoeopathic medicines including combination, patents, specialities, biochemic tablets is permitted freely.

(c) Import of Homoeopathic medicines is being permitted on quality considerations.

Squabbling over Imported Rubber Between S.T.C. and Tyre Firms

1815. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of pricing and quality of imported rubber has become a bone of contention between the State Trading Corporation and the tyre industries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for squabbling over imported rubber between State Trading Corporation and tyre firms; and

(c) what steps his Ministry proposes to take in consultation with the Ministry of Industry to resolve this dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There is no squabbling between State Trading Corporation and the tyre industries on the issue of pricing and quality of imported rubber. Terms, including price, of STC's offer for sale of their imported stocks of rubber are under discussion with the industry.

Strategy of Exim Scrips

1816. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any Committee to examine all aspects of the operational strategies of Exim Scrips;

(b) if so, what is the term of reference together with the composition of such Committee;

(c) by when its report is likely to be submitted to Government;

(d) whether the report has already been made available to Government; and